

The Director of Central Intelligence

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The Honorable Henry Jackson
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

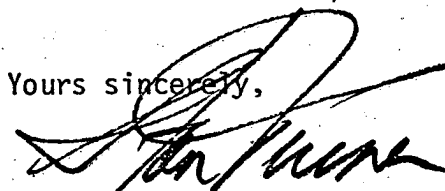
Dear Senator Jackson:

It has come to my attention that Ross Holcomb has applied to you for appointment to the United States Naval Academy. I would like to offer my wholehearted support of this young man whom I have known for many years.

Ross' accomplishments, as documented in his application, are most impressive and show a single-minded pursuit of excellence in scholarship and extracurricular activities. He is a young man whose high character and dedication make him the type of candidate the Naval Academy most seeks and needs. He combines not only the talents necessary to be an outstanding midshipman but the qualities of integrity, respect for others, and the leadership which will make him an excellent naval officer upon graduation.

I would be most willing to furnish any further assistance possible in supporting Ross' application.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stansfield Turner", written over a horizontal line.

STANSFIELD TURNER